Failure of Pulse Polio Programme in U.P.

2302. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pulse Polio Programme in U.P. has failed miserably during the last five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have constituted any probe panel to go deep into the matter; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) There has been significant decline in the number of polio cases in Uttar Pradesh due to implementation of intensified polio eradication activities. These have declined from 881 in 1998 to 773 in 1999, 179 in 2000 and 23 during 2001 reported till 8th August, 2001.

(c) and (d) The polio eradication implementation strategy is reviewed/ recommended every year by a committee of national and international experts, keeping in view the progress and the epidemiological situation in each State. The strategy recommended by the experts for 2001-2002 provides for (i) two national immunization rounds, (ii) one sub-national round in high risk States of U.P., Bihar, West Bengal and Delhi, (iii) preemptive vaccination rounds in areas with continued polio circulation, even during low transmission season and (iv) mop-up rounds following detection of confirmed polio cases in the concerned district as also in surrounding districts.

IMC approval to Pariyaram Medical College, Cannanore

2303. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Council has accorded permanent sanction for the Medical Degree course of the Pariyaram Medical College in Cannanore, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the IMC laid down any conditions at the time of issuing temporary permission for the commencement of MBBS course during the year 1995;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government of Kerala has taken any steps to satisfy the conditions; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government has not accorded recognition to the MBBS degree awarded by the Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur as the college authorities have not been able to provide the facilities required as per the regulations of the Medical Council of India.

(d) and (e) The Central Government accorded permission for starting the Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram under Section 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 subject to the condition that infrastructural facilities, like building, medical and allied equipments, faculty and staff etc. will be provided as per the time bound programme contained in the application for establishment of medical college and expansion of hospital facilities. This permission was also renewable on year to year basis subject to verification of achievements of annual targets laid down in the scheme and revalidation of the performance bank guarantee.

(f) The Government of Keralal have requested the Medical Council of India on 11.7.2001 for grant of 3 more months time to rectify the deficiencies pointed out in the inspection report of the college.

Amendment in laws of AIIMS

†2304. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amendment has been made on 26th February, 1999 in the laws relating to AIIMS enacted in 1961; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) On 26th February, 1999 under Section 29

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